BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Gas Company for Authority Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851 to Sell Certain Property in Playa del Rey, California.

Application 99-05-029 (Filed May 12, 1999)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING MOTION TO INTERVENE OF PARAGON COMMUNITIES, INC.

Summary

This ruling grants Paragon Communities, Inc.'s (Paragon) Motion to Intervene in Application (A.) 99-05-029.

Background

On May 12, 1999, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) filed A.99-05-029 for authority under Pub. Util. Code Section 851 to sell 36 undeveloped real property parcels in the Playa del Rey and Marina del Rey communities. The Application triggered a review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Commission is the lead agency and had responsibility for conducting the CEQA review. A draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) issued June 4, 2004, comments were received, and Commission staff is reviewing the comments for inclusion in the final EIR.

Although the proceeding has been pending since 1999, the proceeding could not move forward procedurally until the DEIR issued. Paragon has not been a party to the proceeding. On June 29, 2004, Paragon filed a motion to

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intervene in the proceeding on the ground that it has a direct and significant interest in this proceeding. In point of fact, Paragon entered into agreements with SoCalGas in 1999 to purchase 29 of the 36 lots subject to this Application.

Paragon represents that it is willing to accept the record in this proceeding as it stands and does not seek to unduly expand the issues under consideration in the proceeding. Accordingly, Paragon argues, its participation in this proceeding will not delay the schedule and no party will be prejudiced by its intervention.

No party filed a response/protest to Paragon's motion to intervene. The Commission is not concerned that Paragon's late arrival will adversely affect the scope of the proceeding or delay the schedule. Paragon's motion to intervene is granted. Service on Paragon may be made as follows:

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Dated August 4, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Carol Brown Carol Brown Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Motion to Intervene of Paragon Communities, Inc. on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 3, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

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